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AREAS DEFINED WHERE SINK-  
BOXES MAY BE USED IN MARYLAND

The Federal regulations under the migratory-bird treaty act, as amended and approved by Secretary Jardine on April 4, 1927, prescribe the conditions under which sinkboxes (batteries) may be used in hunting certain migratory game birds on coastal waters. In order to clear up any doubt in the minds of sportsmen as to where a sinkbox may be used in Maryland waters without violating either the Federal regulations or the new State game laws, officials of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, which enforces the migratory-bird treaty act and regulations, have conferred with the Maryland State game warden, and it has been decided that sinkboxes may be used without violating either law if they are placed more than 700 yards from the shore and 700 yards from one another, in the places defined as follows:

(1) On the Susquehanna Flats, consisting of all that portion of Chesapeake Bay south of a line drawn from Concord Lighthouse, in Harford County, to Carpenters Point on the western shore of Cecil County and north of a line beginning at the lighthouse at Turkey Point, in Cecil County, and drawn westerly to a point half a mile north of the northerly part of Spesutie Island; thence still westward but at no time approaching nearer than half a mile to the northern end of Spesutie Island and the adjacent mainland until it reaches the Harford County shore at Oakington;

(2) On the waters of Chesapeake Bay within Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, (not including the waters of Eastern Bay);

(3) In the waters of Hoga River and that part of Tar Bay above a line drawn from the southern end of the bridge between Upper and Middle Hoopers Island until it strikes the Barren Island Bar at the end of what is known as "the tree line"; and

(4) In the waters of Isle of Wight Bay and Chincoteague Bay in Worcester County.

Sinkbox hunters are, of course, required to comply with other State and Federal laws relating to bag limits, rest days, shooting after sunset, close seasons and the license provision of the Maryland law. For more detailed information hunters should communicate with the Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., or with the Maryland State Game Warden, Munsey Building, Baltimore, Md.

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